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US Department of Justice
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Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

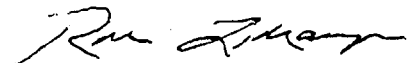
Microsoft has had to suffer through three years in the antitrust case with the Justice Department. It is pleasing to know a settlement was reached in this case, however it is unsettling that this case could be re-opened.

The fact is that this case has a good settlement available to end it, and it should be implemented. The settlement will allow Microsoft's competitors to access Microsoft code so they can design better software. Competitors under this settlement will have the ability to effortlessly place their software on Microsoft operating systems. Despite these improvements opponents of the settlement have launched a campaign to have it revoked, and Microsoft dragged back to court. There is no good reason to let this happen, the settlement is good and it is too expensive to continue this case.

Once more I would like to state that this case should be concluded with the current settlement.

LET'S GET BACK TO BUSINESS!

Sincerely,



Ron La Mange